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Mr. Daniel P. Finn
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Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Finn:

I have reviewed your letter of 15 February 1984 concerning the reported reluctance of Agency analysts to freely share information with you concerning the Philippines. I can assure you that you will continue to enjoy the full cooperation of this Agency in providing you the information which you need. I will personally see to it that incidents, like the one referred to in your letter, are not repeated.

With respect to your letter, I completely agree that the Select Committee must be kept fully and currently informed with respect to intelligence activities as part of its oversight responsibility. In addition, it is essential that the legislative branch continue to benefit from the flow of intelligence information in making important national security and foreign affairs decisions. These dual purposes of providing informed and timely intelligence to the legislative branch in order to assist it in making important decisions affecting the national security, and the furnishing of information concerning intelligence activities to the Committee for oversight purposes, are both recognized in Senate Resolution 400 establishing the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI).

You have my assurance that this Agency will be fully cooperative with you in furnishing significant and timely information concerning developments in the Phillipines. The provision of such information is not only required by the above Senate Resolution, but more importantly, it is in the interest of both this Agency and the Congress that the legislative branch be appropriately informed by the Agency on vital matters of national security.

I appreciate the informational function that is performed by the professional staff of the SSCI. It is a vital function which this Agency will continue to support through the provision of relevant information and the full cooperation of its analysts. If I may be of further assistance on this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely


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